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GERMANY PLANS TO TREAT ARMED MERCHANTMEN AS WAR VESSELS

Stand Taken by Teutonic and Austrian Governments Held to Be in Direct Line With Policy of America.

ITALIAN LINER SAILS WITH GUNS ABOARD

After March 1 Cannon on Passenger Ships Will Be Ground for Torpedoing, Is Gist of Notification.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Berlin, Feb. 10 (via wireless to Sayville).—The German government is about to issue a memorandum to neutral governments announcing that thereafter armed merchantmen belonging to countries at war with Germany will be considered and treated as warships.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Germany and Austria, through their embassies here, have notified the United States of their intention to treat armed merchantmen as warships after March 1. The date was fixed to give the neutrals time to signify their intention toward the recent note of the United States proposing the disarmament of all merchantmen.

The United States recently proposed to all the belligerents that the development of submarine warfare had made it desirable for all to agree that merchant ships should be absolutely unarmed—dismounting even the small caliber guns which they have heretofore been permitted to carry for defense.

The memorandum went to ward by mail about two weeks ago. The proposal was based on the theory that no merchant ships of the Germanic powers and none of their commerce destroyers except submarines were at sea.

The Appano case, however, which disclosed a German merchant raider at large, changed the situation materially and the status of the American proposal is in doubt.

The government contends this measure is justified by explicit instructions issued by the British admiralty to merchantmen, a copy of which is said to have been obtained by the German authorities. These instructions, it is understood here, were that the merchantmen should carry guns and attack submarines on sight.

It also stated these orders have a counterpart in instructions issued by the governments of other countries at war with Germany.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Feb. 10.—With the approval of the state department, Assistant Secretary Peters of the treasury department today notified Collector Malone at New York to permit the Italian steamer *Stampalia* to clear with guns for defensive purposes only.

BELIEF EXPRESSED PLAN IS IN LINE WITH U. S. POLICY

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Berlin, Feb. 10 (via London).—The German memorandum was communicated to American newspaper correspondents by Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, under-secretary of foreign affairs. Dr. Zimmermann said he believed the memorandum was in harmony with the steps put forth in the American government's proposals to belligerent nations in regard to the submarine warfare, which he thought were calculated to place this form of warfare on a proper basis.

GERMANS TAKE LARGE SECTION OF FRENCH TRENCH

Berlin, Feb. 10 (via London, 3 p.m.).—The capture from the French of a large section of trenches northwest of Vimy in the Artois region was announced by German army headquarters today. A mine crater near Neuville, in the same sector, was taken. South of the Somme the French gained a foothold in a small part of the German line trenches.

The text of today's statement follows:

"South of the Somme several local attacks by the French were repulsed. On Coudeles we took an enemy mine position by an explosion."

"A French mining operation in the Vosges was unsuccessful."

"Eastern theater. Attacks by weak enemy detachments were defeated by the Austro-Hungarians."

"British theater: There is nothing to report."

Paris, Feb. 10 (via London, 4:41 p.m.).—The artillery duel between the French and the Germans is continuing in the Artois district, according to an announcement made by the French war office this afternoon.

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Austria Asked To Explain Her Attack Upon an American Ship

Lansing Forwards to Vienna Government, Through Ambassador Penfield, Request for Facts in Case.

DEMANDS OMITTED BUT MAY BE ENTERED LATER

Attention Called to Affidavits of Members of Crew of Petrolite, Object of Assault by Submarine.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Feb. 10.—Secretary Lansing announced today that he had sent to the Austro-Hungarian government, through Ambassador Penfield, a dispatch asking for an investigation and an explanation of the attack by an Austrian submarine on the American tank steamer *Petrolite*.

The secretary said published statements that a demand had been made upon the Vienna government were not true but that it was within the range of possibility that demands of some sort might be made in the future should the investigation and explanation asked warrant them.

The secretary's dispatch called attention to affidavits from members of the crew of the *Petrolite* and to information from other sources to the effect that the ship was stopped in the Mediterranean near Alexandria by an Austrian submarine which fired upon her and wounded one man in her engine room.

The submarine commander asked for food which Captain Thompson of the *Petrolite* refused. He then opened a boarding party on the American ship and removed one American of her crew who was held as a hostage while the Austrians took the load required from the *Petrolite's* stores.

Warships under certain circumstances may take food from merchantmen if they give proper receipts or payment, but it is realized that if submarines are to be permitted to do so, every neutral nation might be made a base for their operations.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) St. Louis, Feb. 10.—The decision of the United States district court at Denver denying a petition to have the \$1,000,000 bond issue for a municipal water works declared void, was sustained today by the United States circuit court of appeals.

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(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) WILLAMETTE RIVER RISES SUDDENLY TO THE 18-FOOT STAGE

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Portland, Ore., Feb. 10.—The Willamette river rose suddenly here today to a stage of 18 feet above low water mark. The weather bureau had predicted that the flood crest would not exceed 17.5 feet and this was not expected until tomorrow. It is believed now that the river may rise above the 19-foot stage.

Contents of docks and warehouses were moved hurriedly from the river front.

The gasoline schooner Jack Burnham was torn from her moorings and driven against a bridge. A sunken barge was thrown against the steamer *Waukegan* without much damage.

strong attack against the French positions between Neuville and La Folie. This was repulsed and the Germans were successful in holding only one mine crater.

The text of the communication follows:

"An engagement with hand grenades resulted in our chasing the enemy from certain commanding trenches which they had occupied to the west of La Folie. In the west the Germans delivered a strong attack against our positions on the road from Neuville to La Folie. This was repulsed and the enemy was successful only in securing a footing in one of the mine craters which we had previously taken from them."

Berlin, Feb. 10 (via London, 4:41 p.m.).—The Cologne Gazette publishes a report that on the occasion of the last Zeppelin raid over England the cruiser Caroline and the destroyers Eden and Nich were sunk.

This was officially denied in a British statement last Monday.

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GENERAL VILLA STILL AT LARGE AND GOING WEST

Official Reports Tell of Attack by Bandit Chief's Followers on Ranch Houses Near Hearst Property.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Rock Springs, Wyo., Feb. 10.—Approximately \$100 in money was taken from thirty passengers in a lone bandit who last night held up Union Pacific train No. 18 near here. A purse containing \$10 was returned to a woman passenger, the bandit requesting that he did not want to rob women.

A posse, headed by Sheriff McCourt, and Union Pacific agents, are searching the country for trace of the robber.

General Berling at Modena reported that his troops arrived at San Juan after five Mexican defenders of a ranch had been killed. The troops saved the stock and are pursuing the bandit.

A passenger train with mounted machine guns left Juarez today. Three Americans were on board and many Mexicans. A military train carrying 100 soldiers preceded the passenger train. The American passengers were permitted to carry rifles and ammunition on the passenger train.

A report that Guy Johnson, an American ranchman, had been killed by bandits between Minaca and Ocampo was confirmed by Henry Acklin, an American who arrived here today. He was recently reported killed near Minaca.

Acklin and Johnson had been captured alone in the mountains on December 26 and had fought hard. The bandits of five bandits were found close to that of Johnson. Johnson according to Acklin, came from North Carolina.

Mail advices from Ciudad Juarez received today describe revolting assaults upon the families of Mexican ranchers along the Durango and Parral railroad on February 5 by a band of so-called Villa bandits, which included those who participated in the Santa Ysabel massacre of Americans according to the alleged confession of one of the band who was executed.

These advices stated that on February 5 300 of the bandits appeared in the vicinity of the tubs, Dolores and Magdalena, Durango. They burned the ranch house of Aristides Colle and took his family, consisting mainly of women and girl children, to the mountains.

General Jacinto Hernandez, commanding a small force of Carrancista soldiers at San Bernardino, with the family here of Sylvio C. Wiggins have asked the New Mexico authorities to investigate the finding of the young man's body near Mills, N. M., with a bullet wound in the back of the head. Advices received here today said the body was found in a canyon, where at attempt apparently had been made to hide it. Wiggins had been missing six months.

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Relatives of Man Whose Body Was Found Recently at Mills Urge Prompt and Complete Investigation.

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